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I urge the Government to settle this suit as soon as possible. The agreement that was worked out by the Government and Microsoft seems to bring a reasonable conclusion to this case. It is unfortunate that some others want to continue to litigate this effort for an extended period of time for an unknown benefit. I believe that very little good can come of a continued debate over the completeness of the settlement. This whole argument about Windows and its associated software will be old news in another year or two as the progress made in the operating system software is expanding extremely fast.

Microsoft did accomplish some major benefits for the consumer. The primary benefit is that it made the computer usable to a myriad of people who have little on no technical background. Prior to Windows and its integration, we all struggled with a DOS based system that provided most users with high levels of frustration. Today, we now have 90+ year old grandmothers and grandfathers using the Internet to say hello to their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. It has also given them a feeling that life has not passed them by. Hurray!

Lets us get on with the settlement. It is not perfect and it never will be. It seems to be reasonably fair and that is all we can ask. We do not need more punishment.

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